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SUBJECT: RETIREMENT COMMISSIONER NORMAN ROLPH

REFERENCE: HONG KONG 2415

JAKARTA: PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR VANCE, S/NM

1. SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING BE SENT BY YOU TO COMMISSIONER ROLPH WHO IS RETIRING ON 21 MARCH. WE HAVE ALSO SUGGESTED CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF OF NEW YORK SEND A NOTE OF APPRECIATION. HIS OFFICE INDICATED THE CONGRESSMAN WOULD.

2. HONG KONG: PLEASE HOLD DELIVERY OF CABLE TO COMMISSIONER ROLPH UNTIL CLEARANCE RECEIVED FROM EITHER AMBASSADOR VANCE OR S/NM.

BEGIN TEXT: THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS PROGRAMS OF THE U.S. AND THE WORLD WILL SUFFER A DEEP AND UNFORGETTABLE LOSS UPON YOUR RETIREMENT. YOU NOT ONLY COURAGEOUSLY AND SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT AN UNRELENTING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AGAINST ILLICIT PRODUCERS AND TRAFFICKERS IN HONG KONG BUT
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YOU ALSO SHOWED GREAT WISDOM AND HUMANITARIAN CONCERN IN

YOUR STRONG SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION PROGRAMS. YOUR APPROACH TO THESE COMPLEX

PROBLEMS IS AN EXAMPLE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD AND SHOULD BE
STUDIED IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BY ALL THOSE
ENGAGED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE. WE IN THE U.S.
NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT NOT ONLY WANT TO WISH YOU WELL
AND GODSPEED BUT ALSO EXPRESS OUR KEEN AND SINCERE APPRE-
CIATION FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM.
SHELDON B. VANCE, SENIOR ADVISER TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS. END TEXT. INGERSOLL

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